

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (previously canceled)

Claim 2 (previously canceled)

Claim 3 (previously canceled)

Claim 4 (**herein amended**) A method of composting comprising providing a heap of compostable matter and covering the heap with a film comprising a polyether polyamide block copolymer, said film being water impermeable, but having a water vapor permeability thereof at least $300 \text{ g/m}^2\cdot 24\text{h}$, an oxygen permeability at least $1,000 \text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^2\cdot 24\text{h}\cdot \text{atm}$ and a carbon dioxide permeability at least $10,000 \text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^2\cdot 24\text{h}\cdot \text{atm}$.

Claim 5 (**previously amended**) A method according to claim 15, wherein the polymer containing polyether chains is a polyoxyalkylene block polymer.

Claim 6 (**previously amended**) A method according to claim 4, wherein the polyether polyamide block copolymer is a polymer in which polyoxyalkylene chains are linked.

Claim 7 (**previously amended**) A method according to claim 4, wherein the polyamide block copolymer contains polyoxyethylene, poly(1,2- or 1,3-oxypropylene), polyoxytetramethylene, polyoxyhexamethylene, a block or random copolymer of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide, or a block or random copolymer of ethylene oxide and tetrahydrofuran.

Claim 8 (previously amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the polyether polyamide block copolymer contains a polyoxyalkylene copolymer with 2 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety.

Claim 9 (previously amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the polyether polyamide block copolymer is a polyoxyalkylene of number average molecular weight 200 to 6000.

Claim 10 (previously canceled)

Claim 11 (previously canceled)

Claim 12 (previously amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the polyether polyamide block copolymer contains (a) polyoxyalkylene chains linked with (b) polyamide chains which are (i) polymers of aminocarboxylic acids or lactams having at least 6 carbon atoms, or (ii) polymer of dicarboxylic acid salts and diamines with at least 6 carbon atoms.

Claim 13 (previously added) A method according to claim 12, wherein (a) and (b) are linked via a dicarboxylic acid having 4 to 20 carbon atoms.

Claim 14 (previously added) A method according to claim 12, wherein (b) is a polymer of 11-aminoundecanoic acid, 12-aminododecanoic acid, caprolactam, laurolactam, a salt of hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid or a salt of hexamethylenediamine and sebacic acid.

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method of composting comprising providing a heap of compostable matter and covering the heap with a film comprising a polymer containing polyether chains as structural units, said film being water impermeable, but having a water

vapor permeability thereof at least 300 g/m²·24h, an oxygen permeability at least 1,000 cm³/m²·24h·atm and a carbon dioxide permeability at least 10,000 cm³/m²·24h·atm.